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NOTE AND COMMENT

In view of the interest that has been awakened in Alberta in university matters as a result of the impending establishment of our own seat of higher lerning, and the fact that there are a great many graduates of the University of Toronto in the province, it is well worth while reproducing the following from the editorial page of Toronto Saturday Night:

"Since his appointment as President of the University of Toronto, Dr. Falconer has been a speaker at many representative gatherings in the city. On such occasions he has not come tardily from his study, a shrinking figure ill at ease among men, to perform a reluctant task; nor has he come to weary active minds with profound or dictatorial academic utterances. From his first public appearance here after assuming his most important duties as head of Ontario's great seat of learning, Dr. Falconer has been marked as a man among men, a man qualified to light us on our way toward higher ideals and practices of citizenship because he is himself a citizen of the highest type, large moulded, balanced, and urbane. And not later than this week a gentleman of discernment in Toronto said: "I have yet failed to be present at a dinner during the past year at which President Falconer, if he was a speaker, did not make the best speech of the evening."

"Last Friday night Dr. Falconer was [illegible] and speaker at the banquet of the Canadian Press Association. He did not proffer felicitous but empty words of praise to the newspapermen gathered there from all parts of the Dominion, nor did he offer them digestible but unpractical advice. His speech was admonitory, but it was so well conceived, so plain-spoken and sincere, that it made a deep impression on the pressmen, and set them all to thinking. Dr. Falconer pointed out that the day for the acceptance by the public of arbitrary expressions of opinion by the press has passed, or, at all events, is quickly passing.

He referred to the spread of education among the people, and emphasized the fact that thousands of graduates now go out yearly from the universities to raise enormously the level of public intelligence and thought. Judgment and discrimination are greatly on the increase. Unsupported assertion and prejudiced argument are no longer potent. For the future, newspaper opinion will be influential only to the extent of the light and logic with which it is advanced. Such was Dr. Falconer's admonition, and he gave it as his opinion that if the press of the future is to fulfil its mission, the journalist of the future must have a disciplined mind, a broad, sane outlook, large sense of responsibility, and ripe judgment—qualities acquired most readily and surely through a course at college."

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From the above, it is evident that Toronto University has been very fortunate and that with so strong and active a personality at its head, it should now be entering on a new and brighter era in its career What most universities need and what Dr. Falconer, from all accounts, seems likely to supply, is more vital connection with the work-a-day world of the people whom it exists to serve. Its aim should not be to turn out a few great scholars to take places on its own or on the teaching staffs of other institutions, but to equip men for a better discharge of the more ordinary duties of life. It is a fact which there is no getting over that a very large proportion of university graduates, when called upon to leave academic surroundings and earn their own living, are at a positive disadvantage as compared with many of those who have been learning their lessons in the great school of experience. They have dreamt away the period which they have spent at college. The work which they have done has had no practical bent. The years thus spent are very pleasant in their way. So would be any other four years of a care-free and comparatively idle existence. But is a young fellow at that stage in life justified in spending this length of time in such fashion? Does he receive benefits from the course that justify the sacrifices which some one else has made in allowing him to take it? When he starts floundering about in a world that knows nothing of the Elysium that he has left, does he himself think that he has profited by the so-called "advantages" that he had?

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This sounds very pessimistic, but the writer is, frankly, a pessimist on the subject of university education, as it has worked out in the majority of cases that have come under his notice. We hear it frequently declared that the graduate in arts is "too highly educated" for him to compete successfully with others. Is this not the veriest nonsense? Real education, even though it be solely along general lines, never unfitted any man for any occupation, in which he had to use his brains. The trouble with the ordinary graduate is that he is not an educated man at all. He has not studied for any love of study, but simply to cram enough into his head to make a half decent showing at the yearly examination, which will save him in the opinion of those who are paying for his tuition. The young fellow, who has been earning his living and spending his spare time in study, is, in nine cases out of ten, much better off at the end of four years. He is bound to accomplish more in life and become a more useful citizen.

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Therefore, when Dr. Falconer says, that "a disciplined mind, a broad, sane outlook, large sense of responsibility and ripe judgment" are most readily and surely acquired "through a course at college," we are inclined to think his statement is too sweeping. It might be correct under certain conditions, but not under those which prevail at the majority of Canadian universities, and probably the majority of the universities of the world. There is need for sweeping reform in university methods. From all that we have heard of him, there is reason to believe that Dr. Falconer is the type of man to bring about improvements, and we trust that when our own institution opens its doors, we shall find that Dr. Torey, the president, has also the proper ideas. Each has a wonderful opportunity to vindicate the cause of university education.

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As the Saturday News goes to press, it is announced, though not officially, that Dr. W. D. Ferris, Mr. J. McCaig and Mr. George Harcourt of Edmonton, Mr R. S. Jenkins of Strathcona, and Dr. Kennedy of McLeod, have been elected as the representatives of the graduates of the province on the University Senate. While we have nothing to say in detraction of any of these men, all of whom have shown a very great interest in educational matters and should give excellent service, it is, nevertheless, regrettable, that the different parts of the province are not more evenly represented. The government is expected to make the appointments at an early date of the ten other senators, when it is to be hoped that this feature of the election result will be given close consideration.

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The Toronto Globe's attitude on the charges made by Rev. John Pringle relative to the government officials in the Yukon does not satisfy the Bulletin and some of the other defenders of the government. Yet is difficult to see how any journal, which faced the facts, could come to any other conclusion. The information brought down for the benefit of the House at Ottawa made it very clear that no adequate opportunity was given to Mr. Pringle to prove his charges. No power was given to compel witnesses to testify and he was perfectly justified in declining to go further till this was done. Whether his accusations were well-founded, or not, he had certainly the courage to place them in definite form and should have been given every opportunity to make them good. Why the government, to shield a few officials, who if guilty of the conduct ascribed to them could surely not involve it to any extent, should place itself in so false a position, is one of the mysteries of politics, which are seemingly impossible to explain.

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The progressive parks and timber reserves policy which the Government has recently adopted for this part of the west is to be warmly commended. The forests on the whole of the east slope of the Rocky mountains are to be preserved. What the disappearance of these would mean to Alberta does not need to be pointed out to anyone who has taken note of what has happened to other countries that have been denuded of their forests. As for the parks, that at Banff is to be no longer the sole pleasure-ground of the province. Another national park laid out on the same scale as this great resort, to be called Jasper, will be laid out near the Yellowhead. The distance from Edmonton will be greater than that from Calgary to Banff, but the move is one which, with the opening up of the Grand Trunk Pacific, will mean a great deal to this city. Mr. Howard Douglas of Banff has been appointed general Parks Commissioner, and under his jurisdiction will be not only the Banff and Jasper reservations, but that at Island Park, 15 miles from Fort Saskatchewan, and that near the Battle River on the G.T.P. where the buffalo, purchased in Montana, are to find their permanent home. It will comprise 125,000 acres and tenders are already being asked for the construction of seventy miles of fence. All of these will prove splendid assets to the province and should add much to its many charms, which it already possesses, both for the visitor and for the permanent resident.

MR. CLAY CLEMENT

Edmonton, next week, will have a privilege which comes but too seldom to it, that of seeing an actor who occupies a position of real eminence in his profession. Mr. Clay Clement has a continental reputation and should be greeted each night by packed houses. The management of the Edmonton Opera House is deserving of hearty congratulations on having secured such a sterling attraction and the people of the city and district should show that they are able to appreciate thoroughly an offering of this character.

Hon. Mr. Fielding, in his budget speech this week, had still another story to tell of expanding trade and revenue. For the current fiscal year, ending with this month, there will be a surplus of over $19,000,000. This, of course, is not a real surplus. The figures which the Dominion finance minister announces each year in this connection no more represent the actual difference between receipts and expenditures than those of the baseball manager do the salary that he pays his star twirler. Two weeks ago, it will be remembered, the Saturday News had reason to congratulate the provincial treasurer, Premier Rutherford, on adopting a different system. In handling the provincial finances, he has made no distinction between capital and ordinary expenditure, so that the people of Alberta know when the year's operations actually show a surplus. This is the twelfth budget speech that Mr. Fielding has delivered and each year we have been told that there was a surplus on hand; yet on Tuesday we learned from him that in those twelve years the Liberals have added $5,000,000 to the public debt. It is true that this is a great deal less than the Conservatives added in a similar period, but we can hardly see that this is any justification. The present government has something like twice as much to spend and there is accordingly much less excuse for their running the country into debt.

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However, it is satisfactory to note that in addition to a nominal surplus, Mr. Fielding has this year a real surplus, for the public debt has been reduced by over $3,000,000.

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Mr. John F. Stevens, the former chief engineer on the Panama canal, has had his views on the undertaking published. He denies that he authorized the publication, but does not contradict the important parts of what was ascribed to him. He thinks that the United States will receive comparatively little benefit from the enterprise, while certain that other countries will profit greatly. Why the Republic should be affected differently from other countries is difficult to understand. The canal will undoubtedly cheapen transportation, by avoiding long and expensive railway hauls across the continent and to all on the western side it should mean much. With an easy grade through the mountains to the Pacific, Alberta should profit greatly. We are confident that its construction will be of much more consequence to this province than that of a Hudson's Bay railway ever could be. But the important part of Mr. Stevens' statement is not his view of the utility of the undertaking but his opinion as to when it will be completed. He puts the date at 1915. By that time Alberta will be in a proper position to take full a advantage of the facilities the canal offers.

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Mr. William Short, K.C., President of the Edmonton Canadian Club, gave a forceful and stimulating address at the regular luncheon of that body this week on the subject of law reform. The difficulties and injustice, which arose from legislation on behalf of individuals, were referred to at some length. This undoubted evil, which is becoming greater year by year, was the subject of an article on this page a week ago. In Mr. Short's opinion, too much routine was required in connection with legal procedure, and he entered a plea of simplification. This is a view very generally prevalent among those to whom court proceedings are for the most part a mystery and it is refreshing to hear a lawyer express agreement. It is not a just or a healthy state of affairs, when a man is willing to make a sacrifice of his rights rather than lay himself open to the expense and the uncertainty of an appeal to the courts, and any move for the cheapening of justice is certain to be applauded. The provincial government government has done much in this direction already and it is to be hoped that it will proceed steadily with the good work.

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The provincial elections are expected in Ontario in June. The Liberals have a very able leader in Mr. Mackay, but there are few indications that he will improve his position in the House. Great difficulty has been experienced in securing Liberal candidates and the number of those formally nominated who are retiring, "on account of ill-health," is appalling. The general feeling is that Mr. Whitney and his colleagues have a record of which there is no reason to be ashamed.

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Medicine Hat has voted $10,000 for the erection of a market building. The example is one that should be speedily followed in Edmonton. Till they secure such a building, the people of the city will not be able to realize the direct advantage of being situated in one of the best mixed farming districts in the west, nor those of the country, that of having a large urban community in close proximity to their farms.

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Strathcona has decided to allow the government to instal its telephone system, the Strowger automatic being adopted. This will enable people on that side of the river to call up those in Edmonton without reference to a central office. The rates will be $30 for business and $20 for residence 'phones, with $15 for a second 'phone, when a person wishes one at both his office and his house. In this way, all the objects that would be attained by Edmonton's installing Strathcona's system will be served, while the larger municipality will be relieved of responsibility in the matter. To the Saturday News it seems that it would be an advantage for Edmonton to leave the installation of its own system in the government's hands.

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The Edmonton Council has decided on an extension of the city's power plant at a cost of $140,000, which will be brought into operation by October or November of the present year. There is no question of the pressing need of further capacity. The total will now be increased from 750 to 1450 k.w. Incidentally a considerable reduction of charges for power is in prospect.

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The civic grant to the Edmonton Board of Trade has been cut down from $6000 to $5000 for the present year, in pursuance of the general policy of retrenchment. There was an idea of reducing it still further. It would have been a great mistake to do so. The Board of Trade has been doing admirable work and to have deprived it of adequate means at this stage would have been fatal. No city in the west gets more publicity for the expenditure of less money than Edmonton and the Board is entitled to the warmest support, both of the municipality and of the individual citizens.

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Despite the fact that there is still some doubt regarding the character of the gold strike, that has been made at the headwaters of the Finlay river, many prospectors are starting out in that direction from Edmonton. This week two Chicago men, Messrs Sommers and Knacke, who started out to the Klondike, by way of this city, ten years ago, put in an appearance. The trip to the spot on the Finlay, where the strike is said to have been made, is an arduous one, the distance being nearly 750 miles from Edmonton, but the journey is child's play, as compared with that which so many adventurous spirits undertook a decade since. Mr F. M. Anderson, a veteran Hudson's Bay trader, who came into Edmonton from the Peace River this week, stated that he had heard from the factor at Fort Grahame, that one man took out $40,000 last autumn. Whether the reports are exaggerated or not, of this much we may be certain, that before the Grand Trunk Pacific is running its regular trains through the mountains, we shall have had a series of mineral discoveries to the west of us, which will have excited interest in all quarters of the globe and have attracted a very large number of fortune-seekers to this part of the Dominion.

Dr. W. B. L. Donald, the well-known Fort Saskatchewan physician, has gone to Lesser Slave Lake, where he will assume the duties of medical officer of the Indian and Police Departments. He was accompanied on his trip by Messrs Gordon Butler, late manager of the Merchants Bank at the Fort, and James Harvey, who are making an exploring trip through Northern British Columbia.

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The tragic death of Mr. F. E. Wilkins of Lacombe, an old-timer of the Red Deer district, has occasioned widespread regret.

Mr. Wilkins was found dead in his office, with a bullet wound in his head. Whether it was a case of suicide or accident is a mystery. Mr. Wilkins belonged to a well-known Albertan family and at one time represented Red Deer in the Territorial House at Regina.

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A visitor to Edmonton and Calgary during the week was Mr. A. J. Dawson, a well-known English journalist, who is endeavoring to interest Canadians in "The Standard of Empire," a supplement to the London Standard, which will deal with Imperial affairs, and pay particular attention to Canada. Mr. Dawson received considerable encouragement from the Alberta government.

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The death is announced in Winnipeg of Captain John Taylor, for over a quarter of a century the commander of the Hudson's Bay Co.'s fishing fleet. He was an Orkney Islander and came to the west in the early sixties.

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His Lordship Bishop Holmes of Moosonee, on James Bay, has been in Edmonton this week, on his return from a two month's visit to the missions in Northern Alberta. He travelled about 1100 miles with bob sleighs.

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UNION LABEL

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

About Town.

There is every likelihood that a squadron of the Mounted Rifles will be formed at Vermilion.

Rev. W. G. W. Fortune, field secretary of the Moral Reform League, preached in Queen's avenue church in the morning and in the First Presbyterian in the evening on Sunday.

Judgment was given in favor of the palintiff for $15.23 in the case of Hopkins vs. City of Edmonton, an action for $315.23. Judge Taylor held that the work performed on the Isolation hospital was improper and that the architect was responsible. The city had spent $300 in repairing the hospital so the judge awarded the plaintiff the balance of the claim, $15.23.

The C.P.R. has taken objection to the places for the traffic deck on the Edmonton-Strathcona high level bridge, approved of by the Government and the two municipal cities. It was intended that the general traffic and street railway should be on brackets at the side of the main structure and fourteen feet below the railway track. The C.P.R. desires that there should be but one section and that it should be placed directly underneath the tracks, at a distance of forty feet. The government is pressing for the former plan.

A company has been formed in Lacombe to erect a commodious hotel at Gull Lake this season. The C.P.R. has promised week-end excursions from Edmonton and Calgary if proper accommodation is guaranteed.

Fire threatened the destruction of the post office in Strathcona on Sunday evening last. The origin of the blaze was a mystery. It was extinguished before much damage was done.

Medicine Hat on Monday voted $40,000 for the extension of its waterworks, $25,000 for that of the gas system and $10,000 for the erection of a market building.

Messrs John Blewett and James Dodge, formerly of Revillon Bros., have purchased a sawmill at Athabasca Landing and are moving it to Lesser Slave Lake.

Samuel Prior was brought to Alberta penitentiary on Saturday last from Wolseley, Sask. He was found guilty of murder and senteneed to be hanged March 13, but the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment This makes 83 in the penitentiary, of whom four are in for life.

Attention is called to the advertisement which appears in another part of The Saturday News of Mr. H. Eldridge, who as a general designer, has won no small reputation for himself in Edmonton. It is his intention to devote himself to this work regularly in the future. He will make a specialty of advertisement designs. If those who have goods to sell should extensively avail themselves of his services, there is no doubt that the newspaper space that they pay for, will be used to much better advantage. Advertising space is only of value according to the way in which it is utilized.

A meeting is called for Monday, March 23rd, at 7.30, in the Y.M.C.A. when officers will be elected and arrangements made for the Edmonton city league for the ensuing season. Members of clubs and all interested are requested to be present.

A New York report says: "Below 14th street, New York City, there are at present 75.000 workers idle The trades represented are cloak makers, cap and shirt makers, tailors, paperhangers, painters, carpenters and bricklayers."

THE LOUNGER

Three desperate criminals have escaped from the Dakota penitentiary! The warden should come up to Edmonton to learn from Matt Macaulay how to run a penitentiary. When he first took hold, the newspapers every week or so had something to tell us of a chase for a prisoner along the banks of the Saskatchewan. One who got away never returned. But this was before the prisoners came to know the warden. Now the whole of the penitentiary population, warden, guards and prisoners, are one big crowd of jolly, good fellows (vide Mr. Macauley's speeches on various public occasions) and so from anyone wanting to run away, it is understood that when the prisoners' terms expire, scenes are enacted, which throw "Leaving the old Home," as depicted by painter and story-teller, away into the shade.

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A Tory member of the House of Commons the other day spoke of the reverend editor of the Globe as "a pious, smug-faced hypocrite." This is pretty strong, and must make the gentleman attacked consider what an advantage he had so long as he stuck to the pulpit. A preacher can call you all sorts of things, but you daren't answer back without creating a scandal.

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Maxim, the gun inventor, has put on the market a noiseless firearm.

"The rustling of the leaves in the trees, or the noise of passing wagons would completely drown the sound of the gun," he told a reporter. "You would not even know what had killed the victim until an examination was made. I feel the tremendous responsibility of this," he said. "I dont' feel at all justified in having invented this gun.'

But he did invent it and he has offered it for sale. So what is the use of trying to get on a high moral pinnacle? I haven't any patience with a man, who uses his brains, to do something, which is going to do a lot of harm, and then tells how sorry he is it is going to have the results that it will. The manufacturer of the gun should certainly be prohibited and Mr. Maxim be left with the glory of the achievement, minus the profits.

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A missionary worker was soliciting contributions toward helping the work along. Stopping at a house in the lower section of the city she pulled the bell, which was answered by a sickly looking woman.

"Can you contribute anything for the drunkard's home?" she asked of the woman whom she summoned to the door.

"Yes," replied the woman; "come around next Saturday night and get my husband."

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Have you noticed the new spring hats.

"Do you mean to say that you didn't know me on the street?" I heard a lady ask another the other day.

"But your back was towards me, my dear."

"And can't you recognize my back?"

"Not when it is covered by your new hat."

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Someone had given little Willie a pocket compass. His teacher was carefully explaining the different points.

"See," said she, "you have the north in front of you, the east to your right, and the west to your left. Now, what have you behind?"

Willie pondered for a moment, "There," said he, "I knew someone would see that patch, but mother says I must wear these trousers for a month yet."

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Twelve hundred omnibus drivers went on strike in London, England, recently against a reduction of wages

With the Investor

The most remarkable feature of the local situation, from the standpoint of the investor, during the past half year is the way in which Edmonton real estate values have been maintained, in spite of the financial depression, from which the city has been suffering in common with the rest of the continent. The man who has come to the city with a view of picking up "snaps" has had to search long and in most cases fruitlessly. There have been very few property transfers, but what have been made have not been at sacrifice prices. This week, eight hundred dollars a foot front was realized for the property on Jasper avenue, opposite the Merchant's Bank, occupied by Kelly and Moore. The owner was Mr. R. McIntosh and the purchaser an English gentleman, who recently came to the city. The transaction was put through by H. B. Boyes and Co. Other sales of a less important nature are reported and there is every indication that with the opening up of spring, which seems to have commenced, there will be a very considerable revival of real estate activity.

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A new wholesale house announced this week that it would open up in Edmonton, Messrs G. and J. Galt of Winnipeg having taken space next to the A. McDonald Co. The manager will be Mr. William McNab.

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When so much depends in connection with the development of this part of the province on the advent of the Grand Trunk Pacific, everything that the officials of that road have to say regarding their plans has very decided interest. In the course of a recent interview about "Canada," Mr. Hays referred at some length to the progress of construction work on the Grand Trunk Pacific between Winnipeg and Edmonton. "Of the 793 miles, all except 60 miles—and that an easy section—are already graded, and 350 miles of track are laid. I think it will be generally admitted that the character of the new road is in advance of that of any other transcontinental railway in America. Its chief characteristic is extremely light grades, which will not exceed 21 feet to the mile, whereas the most favorable transcontinental line in existence today has a maximum gradient of over 100 feet to the mile. I can illustrate this better by saying that the same class of engine that will take a train of, say, thirty cars from Winnipeg to Edmonton, will take that same train directly through to our terminus on the Pacific Ocean, Prince Rupert. There will be no severe gradients through the Rockies requiring the services of helping engines. I may also state that while fine scenery and heavy gradients generally go together, our route will be an exception to this rule, and will not be entirely devoid of magnificent scenery through the mountains, as we pass within close proximity to the highest peak in the Rocky Mountains

"Prince Rupert is clearly destined to become a great ocean port," said F. Hayes in answer to a futher inquiry. "When I first saw the location it was covered with heavy forest and brush, just what Vancouver was about twenty years ago. That length of time will see a city of even greater population at Prince Rupert. It will not be long, thanks to the Grand Trunk Pacific, before the tourists will be able to see not only the length, but also the breadth, of Canada, going in one direction to the Coast via the Grand Trunk Pacific through Edmonton, and by steamer from Prince Rupert to Vancouver in what is practically an inland sea, and, returning via the Canadian Pacific, he will have obtained a very comprehensive idea of Canada. The traveller from Japan and the Orient via our route will be at Edmonton, having crossed the Pacific and British Columbia, before another, who started at the same time via the more southerly routes, has made his landing. The journey across the Continent via the Grand Trunk Pacific will save thirty six hours at least It follows that the Grand Trunk Pacific must be the keystone of the arch of the 'All Red Route.' "

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1901	308,030.25	53,501.64	361,531.89	798,785.00	1,344,127.61	5.40	10,624,731.00
1903	493,781.37	83,385.17	577,166.54	1,428,637.00	2,013,888.47	5.37	15,408,442.00
1905	680,798.09	119,236.75	800,034.84	2,064,099.00	2,840,725.23	5.52	19,873,664.00
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A Mission of Reform

Dorothea Deakin in Saturday Evening Post

Rex is a charming boy, but there are drawbacks to the joy of possessing his confidence, and when he fell in love with Stella Merrillian, and came, morning, noon, and night, to explain to me the way her brown hair curled over her ears, and the way her black eyelashes, shadowed her blue eyes, I almost wished that some one else was his only friend.

The relief in Stella's smile when he brought her first to see me, and she realized what a brown and unalluring little creature I am, was almost more than I could stand. She was so glad that Rex had me for a friend, she said. "He's so easily influenced for good." But her blue eyes had not learned to dissemble yet, and what they said was, "Thank goodness, you aren't pretty. '

Rex left her with me for the afternoon.

"I want you two to be real good friends," he said. Poor stupid boy! Life has so very much to teach him still.

Miss Merrillian sat and smiled and blushed, a vision of spring in her mignonette green gown and primrose hat, but after tea was taken away, she suddedly dropped her airs and graces and asked a direct question:

"What is the real truth about that dreadful little girl?"

"What dreadful little girl, Miss Merrillian?" I asked, politely.

"The curious little gutter-child they call Queenie."

I laughed. "Oh, Queenie!" I said. "But surely Rex has told you all about Queenie?"

Miss Merrillian flushed with annoyance.

"I, o," she said. "He evades the subject in the most irritating way. And surely it is better for you to tell me the truth than that I should hear all these distressing rumors from outside?"

"Oh, well," I said; "perhaps it is. There isn't much to tell Rex ran over her, you see, in Alexander's motor, and took her to the hospital. Then, when she came out, he adopted her. That's all."

Stella's eyes opened wide with horror. "Adopted her? But why?" "Have you seen her?"I asked softly.

She stared. "No. But his mother describes her as quite impossible."

"Ye-es," I murmured wickedly. "But his mother is a woman. Regina—Rex calls Queenie Regina, you know—Regina is a very lovely little girl. And Rex always had the love for beauty developed to an extraordinary degree."

Miss Merrillian smiled, and glanced across at a long mirror on the wall.

"I know," she said.

"And so he adopted her. He meant to bring her up and mould her to fulfill his ideal of womanly charm, as her face fulfilled his ideal of womanly beauty."

"No!"

"Yes," said I mischievously. "She's very dark, a black-haired, black-eyed little witch——"

"But I'm fair?" Miss Merrillian suggested in bewildered tones. "What do you mean by his ideal?"

"He meant to educate her to become a perfect wife," I finished softely—"his perfect wife."

"What?" his fiancee gasped.

"Yes. That was his idea. But it hadn't occured to him that a girl of thirteen had probably a rather strongly undeveloped mind already. He didn't guess that she would try to mould him."

Miss Merrillian was too amazed to speak.

"Regina thinks she has a "call," I pursued amiably—"a call to reform Rex. It's to be her life's work to reclaim him, she says."

"Reclaim him? But from what?" Stella's tone of alarm enchanted me.

"From all that he holds most dear-," I replied vaguely. "At least, that's what he seems to think.

She's a curious product of slum mission rooms She lives with Rex's old governess, Miss Green. You ought to meet her, Miss Merrillian. She'll take you in hand, too, when she knows you are going to marry Rex. But—I forgot——" I stopped in haste.

"What did you forget?" she asked quickly.

"It's rather awkward," I admitted. "You see, Queenie thinks she's going to marry Rex."

"Impertinence?" Her indignant tone amused me. "How dare she?"

"Oh, well," I pleaded; "Rex told her so, you see."

"Told her so?"

"Before he knew you, of course," I explained, "when he was full of his new scheme—in the first glow. He abandoned the idea directly Regina took his reformation in hand. Although he's so fond of her, he says he'd rather die than marry a girl who grew up with the intention of saving him from destruction."

"I should think so."

"But Queenie hasn't abandoned the idea, and he's never dared to break it to her yet that he has."

"Well, what's going to become of her?" Stella asked fretfully. "Why don't they send her home?"

"They did," said I—"twice. She came back. Like the cat, you know. She thinks it's her duty to stand by Rex through thick and thin. She swears she'll never leave him "

"But this is absurd." Miss Merrillian rose in haste. "She ought to be sent to an orphanage or an asylum at once."

"It's a good idea,' I admitted cheerfully. "Only, you see, she isn't either an orphan or an imbecile."

"If I have any influence," she cried, as she arranged her white veil, "she shall go to a reformatory."

"She's a whole reformatory in herself," I interrupted with a smile. "You can't send coals to Newcastle."

"Without delay," finished the girl sharply. "As I shall put it, Rex will find it difficult to refuse me."

"That or anything," I murmured admiringly. She was very pretty. "I'm sure he will. Besides, as Queenie often tells him, he doesn't know how to refuse people. There's a hymn she sings to him sometimes. The chorus is, "Have courage, my boy, to say no." Have you heard it."

"Of course not," she cried indignantly, as she took her leave. I wondered as I watched her go, what Queenie would do when she found that she had a rival in Rex's reclamation. But it was "Poor Rex" that I murmured as I turned away; I'm afraid I hadn't taken much to his pretty Stella.

It was three days before I saw any fruits to this interview, and then it was Queenie who rushed across the garden to me, her long, black legs covering the ground at an extraordinary rate, and flung herself on the grass at my side, bursting into a storm of noisy tears. Her black hair covered her face as she laid her head on my knee, and I stroked it mechanically. It was very silky and thick, as Rex had often told me.

"Well, Regina?" I said at last.

"I've come to you, Miss Molly," she cried, "because them others is all agen me. They're sending me to school. Oh, it's a shame—so it is. It's a shame."

I started. Stella had not lost any time then?

"But you must not cry about it,' I said gently.

"Think how jolly it will be to have other girls to play with, and nice, interesting lessons every day."

Regina sat up and regarded me fixedly with one black eye. The other was lost behind her hair.

"I dont' want no other girls," said she. "I don't want no one but 'im. I'll come back. I'll run 'ome. I'se done it afore. I'se not leave 'im to go slidin' down the broad path as leads to ——"

"Regina!"

She sniffed.

"If you want to please Rex," said I diplomatically, "you will try to become a nice little lady, so that——"

I stopped in haste, for Regina's eyes lit up, and I had forgotten for the moment that Rex's plans for his future had changed

"So I shall be a proper fine lady when I'm eighteen and old enough to be married?" she asked.

I felt that tell-tale color rise to my cheeks under the keen eyes, but I wasn't going to be the one to break the news about Stella Merrillian. Not I. Let Rex do his own shabby work.

"My dear little girl," I said kindly. "It's too soon yet to talk about these things. Of course, you want to grow up to be a nice, well-behaved girl."

"Don't know as I do," she remarked uneasily, but I think my words sank in for all that, and I wrote a little friendly note to Rex when she had gone, praised his pretty Stella, and asked him to come and see me. He came. Of course he came. He is a dear boy.

"Regina's getting too much of a good thing," he remarked curtly. "I didn't expect you to stand up for her, Molly. I thought you'd see I was right."

"You always do expect me to see that you're right," I answered him coolly.

Rex groaned. "Look here, Molly; Stella and her mother dined with us last night for the first time. Regina slipped in without asking—you know how irrepressible she is—and saw me drinking my second glass of claret. How would you like it if a child of thirteen suddenly appeared, pointing her finger at you, and recited some dreadful poem, beginning 'A drunkard reached his dreary home,' in front of the only girl you'd ever loved, and her mother?"

"Rex!"

"It's unspeakable," he said. "She must go to school at once. I saw that even before Stella——"

"Ah!" said I.

"The darling," said he fatuously. "She said it went to her heart to see me looking so worried. No one else ever minds how worried I look; At home they think I'm merely sulky, and I say so. But Stella——"

"I certainly think it's time Regina went to school," said I sadly. "but I think it's time for something else, too, Rex. I think you ought to tell her about Stella Merrillian.

His face fell.

"She regards you as her own particular property, Rex."

"That's the very deuce of it.," said he.

"She'll be a very lovely girl when she grows up," I murmured irrelevantly, "and, if she goes to a good school——"

"I don't believe any decent school will stand her."

"Oh, yes, they will. She's a sharp little creature. She'll learn to speak nicely enough in a year or so."

"Why should I be obliged to tell a child of thirteen that I'm going to be married? It's too absurd."

I said no more, and Regina was not told. Rex asked us all whether it wasn't the main thing to get the child off to school without a fuss, and I suppose it was. And it was none of my business to point out that she had been lured away under false pretences, was it?"

And until Christmas Regina was safely out of the way. Then came the holiday question. Stella said that, if she did come home, she ought to stay with Miss Green, as she did before. Rex thought the poor little kiddy ought to have a good time as a reward for her not being expelled or running away. No one could enjoy a holiday, he said, spent with Miss Green. Rex's mother settled the matter.

"Queenie shall come here," she announced, with a firm glance at Rex's betrothed. "She will be more presentable now. It will brighten the house up to have a child about."

It occurred to me that, even in her gayest moments, Regina could hardly be called a little ray of sunshine, but I didn't say so. And perhaps, Rex's mother only wanted to irritate Stella. She certainly succeeded. Miss Merrillian came to see me, two days after Queenie arrived, in a regular royal rage.

"I won't stand it," she cried. "The child is unbearable. She stayed up till eleven last night in a tomato-colored silk frock that must have cost his mother pounds. She clung to Rex all the time, and I never saw him alone for a moment. She sits and holds his hand,! Outrageous!"

"She's only thirteen," I said apologetically, "and he's been very good to her.

"She won't always be thirteen. And Rex is too soft-hearted to say he doesn't like it."

"Doesn't he like it?"

Her face flamed.

"He hates a girl to be clinging. That is why he was first attracted by me, I never was."

"No," said I. "You never were." "Regina must be told that Rex and I expect to have the small dining room to ourselves after dinner, but people are so absurdly afraid of hurting her feelings. Feelings, indeed! I'd give her something to feel for twopence."

"Im sure you would," said I soothingly."

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On Wednesday afternoon a little gathering of women journalists assembled at Mrs. Balmer Watt's on Seventh street, for the purpose of organizing a local branch of the Canadian Women's Press Club. The meeting was quite informal and simply consisted in discussing plans for the year's work, the aims and objects of the organization, and the interests of women journalists in the west in particular.

With four members, Mrs. Cautley, Miss Merrill, Miss Hughes and Mrs. Balmer Watt the club was declared formed, and then the most interesting part of the day's proceedings took place when Mr. Ganthony and Miss Stanmore, who are to give two recitals in the Separate School on Saturday and Monday evenings, dropped in for a cup of tea, and ended by being declared God-father and God-mother of the infant Press Club.

One of the prime objects of the organization is to entertain visiting people of note, who have distinguished themselves in the fields of art or letters, particularly newspaper folk, Canadians preferably, and women most of all.

It was happily propitious that for the opening meeting a man of Mr. Ganthony's prominence and distinguished attainments should be a guest of the club, while his charming companion, Miss Stanmore, herself a playwright and exceedingly accomplished actress, added very materially by her presence to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Over the tea cups this delightful man conversed of plays and actors, authors and men of note in all walks of life, of the Savage Club in London, where they all congregate, told anecdotes of the King of England, the King and Queen of Denmark, all of whom he has met and entertained more than once, and so on to discussing his own recitals and what we might expect. Better than that in the happiest informal manner, to illustrate certain points, we had a recital all to ourselves which was in itself so rare a treat, that I feel especially confident in urging everyone to patronize his Saturday and Monday performances.

In Edmonton, where until recently, we have been absolutely sidetracked so far as any theatrical attractions have been concerned, it may be just possible that Mr. Ganthony's name is not as familiar a one as it is in the larger cities both in America and continental Europe, and so I am tempted to say a word with regard to him and what he is to present to you in Edmonton.

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—

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I see by Toronto Saturday Night that Mrs. Edward Gooderham of Madison ave., Miss Ethel Gooderham's mother was suddenly taken ill a week ago but is now improving.

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The following is an account of the wedding of Miss Helen Wallbridge, Mrs. Donald W. Macdonald's cousin, in Ottawa on March 10th:

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Home and Society.

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The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Russell. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr Louis Howard, wore a very handsome walking costume of white broadcloth and picture hat of white beaver with white ostrich feather. The bridesmaid was Miss Tula Lambart, the bride's cousin, who wore a pretty costume of dark blue. Mr Spencer Dale-Harris acted as groomsman. Mr. and Mrs. Lambart left for an extended wedding trip to Niagra Falls, New York and other points.

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On Thursday Mrs. Bulyea held her customary reception at Government House, when a large number of callers paid their respects and enjoyed a few moment's chat with the gracious hostess.

Mrs Bulyea was wearing a handsome white brocaded satin empire gown, the bodice a mass of gold and opal embroidered lace; a lovely toilette.

Disposed about the reception room were some exquisite pink roses while the tea table was beautifully arranged with a lace tea cloth, a silver and mirror centre on which stood two high vases of fragrant red and white roses, and red shaded candle lights.

Mrs. Harcourt in a pretty lace bodice, brown skirt and huge brown hat with pink roses; Miss Babbitt in an all-over white embroidered frock; and Miss Alice McDougall in an attractive white eyelet embroidered gown with a smart Alice blue spring chapeau, were the three attractive tea room hostesses.

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Miss Bate of Ottawa has been spending a few days with Miss Beatrice Beck.

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I hear that Mr. Bowker has been elected president of the Golf Club for the coming year.

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Several large dances en train for after Easter have been announced. A Masonic ball for the 28th of May, which rumor has it will be a huge affair; a tennis dance and a hockey dance—if the Westward Ho Chapter of the Empire happen to have their customary Bal Poudre on May 23rd who's next, and where in these hard times are all the party frocks to come from?

Peggy

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Little's have a very nice window display of April Home Journals.

Signs of Spring.—The Edmonton Tent and Mattress Co. are getting out their carpet vacum cleaner.

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The Caledonian House is now nicely settled in its new home on Namayo, and is showing a select line of ladies and infant's wear at very moderate prices.

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To make the opening of a new clothing department, the proprietor of Mac's Clothing Store on Namayo is giving a new spring hat to the purchaser of every suit this week.

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Mr. A. C. Newcombe, B.A., classical master of the Calgary Collegiate Institute, has been advanced to the principleship. Mr. Newcombe is a brilliant graduate of the McMaster University, comes of a very scholarly family, and is certain to prove a capable headmaster. The mathemetical mastership in Calgary has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Walter Scott, B.A., principal of Mackay Avenue public school in Edmonton. Mr. Scott's departure will be much regretted.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company have this day deposited in the Land Titles Office for the District of North Alberta, plan, profile and book of reference, showing the location of their railway through the said District of North Alberta and the lands required for their right of way therein.

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IN THE ATHLETIC WORLD

In the third game with Portage La Prairie last Friday night, Edmonton hockeyists again showed their superiority, winning out by 11 goals to 6. No wonder after three straight victories, that Stanley Cup talk has become general and that there is every probability that a team will venture east from the Alberta capital next winter in quest of the trophy. The visit of the boys from Portage La Prairie was undoubtedly the most interesting event of the Edmonton hockey season and has done a very great deal towards re-arousing interest in the game. The visitors were most hospitably entertained at the Elks' Club before leaving, when their manager, Mr. Macdonald, remarked that the Edmonton team ought to be given a chance to measure up with the best in Canada for they were fully worthy of the opportunity.

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The glory of Scotland has departed! On St. Patrick's Day four rinks of Scotch curlers went down before their Irish club mates. Was it the influence of the day or is it that curling has become a cosmopolitan pastime and that the Scotch have no particular claims on it any more than they have on the eating of porridge? The skips and their scores were:

Irish—St. G. Jellett, 14; A. E. Moore, 16; R. Secord, 6; W. H. Ketchum, 15. Total, 51.

Scotch—G. J. Kinnaird, 8; Dr. Robertson, 8; D. S. Mackenize, 17; H. Campbell, 13. Total, 46.

Majority for Irish, 5.

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The Edmonton Tennis Club is looking forward to a very active season. The old courts will be much improved and a new one laid out. An effort will be made to secure a portable club house and an entrance to the Exhibition grounds from the west. The officers elected were as follows: R. Secord, Esq., president; T. W. Lines, Esq., vice pres.; G. H. Adams, secretary; committee, Messrs E. Flexman, E. H. Cope, G.P. Blythe, C. H. Jones and E. M. Carpenter.

The ladies will be approached with a view to forming a committee to arrange for the providing of refreshments on Saturday afternoons.

The entrance for new members was fixed at $5, the subscription $5, and the ladies $2, without an entrance fee.

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Mr. R. J. Mackenzie of Winnipeg, who is well-known in Edmonton, has announced that this year he will race in the east in his own name. He is strongly represented in the King's plate and other races at the Woodbine spring meeting in Toronto. He has eight three-year-old thoroughbreds in training at Washington under the management of trainer Whyte, including Battleford, Lady Kisnet, John Ross, Saskatoon, Waterbridge, Towienne, Sherring and Margot, although only the three last have competed there. Mr. Mackenzie has decided to run his horses in his own colors and not as previously, under the name of the "Kirkfield Stable." As regards the King's Plate, Joseph E. Seagram, heads the entry list with the following candidates: Half-a-Crown, Dog of War, Cecil Rhodes, Mill on the Floss, Millotoba, Millverton, Seizmic and Zenocrates. The Hendrie Valley Farm stable is a good second with five horses entered, four of them being home-bred, Seagram's rival for this race, John Dyment, has entered two three year-old colts, Courtown II, and Excise.

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The announcement having been made that the Australian cricket team for England will travel through Western Canada next season, Winnipeg is already talking of arranging a match. Alberta should not be behind Manitoba and, if at all possible, a game with a representative provincial eleven should take place at Calgary. As a preliminary to this why not proceed with the formation of the provincial cricket association, which was blocked last year by the backward spring?

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In view of the discussion which has been going on in Alberta as to whether the English or the Canadian game of Rugby football should be adopted, a point which is to be decided at a meeting in Calgary at the time of the Dominion Fair, a recent article by Dr. Jordan of Leland Stanford University, California, is of decided interest. His university has adopted the English game in preference to the American, not only because it believes that the English is a better game, but because it gives them a chance to play with British Columbian teams and with those from Australia and New Zealand, when the latter are passing through to England. This is something which should be borne in mind in Alberta. As to the merits of the games, Dr. Jordan writes:

"In the two great universities of California, the rugby game, played under varying but fundamentally identical rules throughout Great Britain, Canada, New Zealand and the northern half of Australia, has been substituted for the American game. (Ed. Sat. News.—Dr. Jordan is of course wrong in regard to Canada. Ontario and Quebec do not play the English game.)

The initiative in this matter was due to President Wheeler of the University of California and to Professor Frank Angell, chairman of the committee on athletics of Stanford. The present writer was an early convert to the wisdom of this action. Mr. J. Lanagan, the Stanford coach, was a later convert, but a very enthusiastic one. The game has been played for two seasons and with very fair success.

Experience shows that the accidents in Rubgy football are much less frequent, less severe, and mainly confined to the limbs. Injuries to the legs are almost as frequent as in the American game, cotton drawers instead of padded coats of mail, indicates at once a great difference. The Rugby football is a far swifter game, involving adroitness and co-operation rather than great strength. The giant has the advantage even in Rugby, but he must be a giant whose head and whose feet move quickly. As there are thirty players in a game of Rugby instead of twenty two, and as it is a sport which men will play even though there is no possible hope of making any team, its introduction tends to revive the life of athletics within the college, which the American battle game has done so much to destroy. Men can play rugby football and carry full work in the class room as well. It is a rare man who can do this and play the American game even as a scrub.

The game of rugby cannot be planned by a coach. The most he can do is to give form to individual players. In New Zealand, the especial home of clean, swift, strenuous sport, every player is his own coach, and professionalism of coaches as well as of players, though not uknown, is condemned by universal popular opinion.

To be sure the rugby game never gives the thrill that follows the shock when masses of men throw themselves against each other. But this sort of thrill is not a thing to encourage. It is psychologically and doubtless ethically bad. At any rate our laws look critically on the value of prize-fighting which shares this feature in common with American football. The obsession and hysteria of the student-bodies are much less in the rugby game. It is a sport, not a battle, and the fine play of both sides appeals to the higher instincts of the youth.

For these reasons, the various attendant evils, the building up of a team by proselyting, the immoderate desire to win, and the machinery of intercollegiate war are less likely to arise with rugby. The evils are wanting in England, in Canada, in New Zealand, in Sydney, and Brisbane, and our people in America are of the same nature, the same blood, the same ethics, the same love of sport as these. Doubtless the general adoption of the rugby game would lead to material modifications. The abolition of interference in the American game, carrying with it the abolition of the held ball and the mass play, would approximate it to rugby, and a further revision in this direction would perhaps make the game acceptable to college authorities. The outside professional coach should be eliminated in either game. To make him a member of the faculty does not affect the situation. On the other hand, the school boyish scrum of the rubgy game is sure to be modified in American hands though not, I trust, by the substitution for it of line-bucking plays."

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How dull it is to pause, to make an end,
To rust unburnished, not to shine in use!
As tho' to breathe were life

Almost I am persuaded that it is not a very wise plan in conducting a woman's column in Edmonton to speak your mind. Write as you will of society and its functions so long as you confine yourself to gowns and tables and floral decorations, but pause—oh be warned in time!—and leave the wearers of those frocks in the sweet oblivion in which you find them. And yet being a thinking woman who has the indiscretion to prefer human nature to nature's trappings and furbelows, I have a mind to concern myself with something more substantia occasionally, than flimsy chiffons, with women's tastes, their minds, their manners, preferences, the books they read. This, in spite of the fact that to do so means that every foolish woman who cares to, may appropriate every general remark to herself, and at the very next tea party confide to her nearest and dearest that I have been hitting at her, and her, and her. The boredom of it! One cannot, you see, regulate how many sisters will try on Cinderella's slipper, if it fits more than one, did I do aught but pass it around? It took many cobblers to make it. In the general term woman, then, I have not even a refuge, but to the end of time will no doubt be accused of playfully slapping at the women I know and like best. It is the price of attempting to write anything outside of such beaten tracks as "Spring, beautiful Spring," "Is dancing injurious to health and morals?" "Is platonic friendship possible?" and so on ad nauseum.

To wander any nearer the field of vital interest is to have warnings issued that certain women will drop your paper as the surest protest of what they think of you and your slanderous opinions. These broad-minded women who will not tolerate a sentiment that is not their own!

And yet, you see I am being quite frank with you, if a hundred women cancel their subscriptions so long as I conduct this column just so long will I claim the privilege of exercising that freedom of speech which, thanks be, is as much the prerogative of a modest scribbler as the man on the street, or the woman in the drawing room.

Being in a thoroughly disciplined and chastened frame of mind, I would just suggest, never for a moment urge, that perhaps instead of wasting quite so much time in looking for insults that were never intended, some of my friends take time to remember certain occasions when my faltering pen has been very much at their, and their various charitable objects service, when with all the good will in the world, this poor sadly-cracked old mirror, chipped out of all countenance, by repeated stones being hurled at it, did its duty by some of you, when a good word helped a bit, as you yourselves acknowledged.

If by being another Lady of Shallott I could sit and watch the pageant of the world go by, reflected only brokenly in the mirror before me, and so gain peace, I wouldn't take it. Like that other foolish Lady I must down and into the world of realities let the price be what it may, and if my end be like hers, a disastrous one, I shall, like the Spartan warrior, come home bearing my shield, or at worst on it.

Over in England there has been a terrible upheaval over the lady known as Elinor Glyn, author of those distinctly "smart" "Visits of Elizabeth" books "Three Weeks" and other so called society stories.

In Putman's for March, Miss Gilder, "The Lounger" sounds a call to arms against books of their suggestively obscene character, and quotes an indignant Englishman in the "Tribune" on the lady in question. "Mrs. Elinor Glyn is not an English woman, thank God," writes this very wrathy man, "but a colonial, being a native of Toronto; and, in spite of her request at the hotel where her sister, Lady Duff Gordon, is staying, that reporters who called for "her ladyship" should be referred to Burke's "Peerage," does not belong to the English aristocracy, as might be inferred from this snobbish request, Lady Duff Gordon, it is true is the wife of a Scotch baronet, but is barred from court in consequence of her being in trade as a dressmaker in whose dressmaking establishment, by-the-by, Mrs. Glyn has picked up most of her knowledge of English society as oddly and fearfully portrayed in her books. And the Glyn family to which the author of one of the most coarsely suggestive books ever written in the English language belongs, by her marriage, has no connection whatever with the well-known house of Glyn, of which Lord Wolveton, formerly in Wall Street as 'Freddie' Glyn, son of my dear old friend the late Admiral Glyn, is now the chief."

I am not just sure that we can echo our Englishman's opening exclamation, but that it seems to me is utterly beside the point. Whether an English woman or a Canadian Elinor Glyn is a decidedly talented writer, with a smart breezy style of writing that applied in a decent respectable direction would make her fortune—and even as it is, has won her a wide reputation.

In the only book of hers which I have read, "The Visits of Elizabeth" in a series of chatty letters this Up-to-Date heroine informs her very worldly "Mama," of her experiences in certain English country houses. They aren't nice experiences, but they are told in such a breezy naive way, that almost in spite of yourself you read on and on. Herein lies probably the infection—immensely bad morally—of such books as "The Visits of Elizabeth." The undoubted humor sparkling here, there and everywhere, the fascination of listening to the brilliantly brazen speeches of this very worldly-wise young woman, the standing by and witnessing the chagrin of the culprits discovered, the various characters so inimitably taken off, the impression one receives of what Elinor Glyn and many women like her, imagine obtains in smart English high society to-day—all these form the attraction of what I have no hesitation in describing as a very naughty book. I use the word naughty, advisedly, because among a great many women "naughty" has come to mean something decidedly off-color—but interesting.

"The Visits of Elizabeth" then is naughty, "Three Weeks" her latest offense is out-and-out and absolutely bad.

Now badness, vulgarity, repels the ordinary decent man or woman—where naughtiness—the insidious evil that it is, half attracts. The gravest charge against Elinor Glyn then is that she has prostituted her acknowledged talents to making vice absolute indecency, smart and almost tempting.

As I write, I call to mind two productions of Ibsen's "Ghosts," I witnessed a few years ago. A terrible play, so awful that at times I hid my head, so unspeakingly sad and fearful in its culmination, that I think no man or woman who saw those ghosts of bad deeds, thoughts, actions and inspirations, of a man long food for worms, cropping up in the son and daughter, but would leave that play house so horrified that he and she would see to it that no hereditary strains of theirs would ever rise to curse the generations that came after them. I believe that Ibsen's Ghosts, horrible and awful as it is, is one of the greatest sermons, that has ever been thundered at a wicked world.

And some of the Toronto papers, most of them, launched out and labelled the play the most immoral that had ever been produced in their Queen City; the while they boomed and exploited THE MOST INSIDIOUSLY EVIL, ATTRACTIVELY-BAD, productions it is possible to conceive.

"A true book or play," says John Oliver Hobbes, cannot be otherwise than moral. It is the false picture—no matter how pretty—which makes for immorality."

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Elinor Glyn on the other hand, masquerades in fine feathers at luxurious country seats, depicts for us the easy, pleasurable life of shamefully immoral men and women—shows us only the alluring side of the picture, and makes no mention of those hours, when conscience awake these pitiful little make-shifts of men and women, stripped of their fine trappings, must perforce sit face to face with their ghosts.

And so foolish boys and girls and grown-ups all over the country, endeavor to emulate their experiences on a small scale, and are drawn into that vortex of crime and tears and heartaches and lost man and womanhood.

I shall take my son to see "Ghosts." to see wickedness as it actually is, perhaps so shall I forestal and lay any ghosts that he might otherwise lay up for himself.

We are glad that this is no true picture this unwise woman has drawn for us of country seat life in Merrie Old England. We knew as much before. We would wish to reiterate that Elinor Glyn in no wise reflects the type of decent sweet womanhood of Toronto or any other Canadian city. Human nature is human nature the world over, and perverted human nature has no fixed abiding place.

Elinor Glyn, an she would, might be a distinct ornament to the city from which she hails, as it is one would like to forget her.

"That Lady Duff Gordon should be at the head of a dressmaking establishment is to her credit," writes Miss Gilder, "but I regret that her patrons are of a class of which her sister writes." So say we all. Miss Gilder is informed that the MSS. received by the publishers, of Mrs. Glyn's book since its appearance, are infinitely more foul than that foul book itself. They have been rejected, and for this we are thankful. And the indignant censor remarks: "When they write books that are disgustingly indecent and claim that they were written with a high and holy purpose, they add hypocricy and lying to their offence."

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HOME AND SOCIETY

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To London Town from Babylon
The pageant of the world goes by
For you, for you, I pause and con
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Between millinery openings, a few scattered Bridge parties, a sprinkling of teas and several attractions in the way of recitals, the past week can hardly be said to have been a very penitential one for the majority of the fair sex.

As to the Bridge parties: Mrs. Fraser was the bright young hostess of one such affair on Wednesday afternoon and Mrs. Short entertained in the same pleasant manner for Mrs. James Short of Calgary on Thursday evening.

On Monday Mrs. Murphy had a few friends in in honor of Miss Ethel Gooderham, when the fortunate invitees had a very enjoyable evening.

On Tuesday Mrs. Pardee had a "good-bye" tea for her guest, Miss Ethel Gooderham, who left on Thursday for her home in Toronto. The guests on this occasion were the merry young set with a liberal sprinkling of prominent hostesess.

The lovely rooms were at their best with their cheery grate fires, fragrant cut flowers, the shifting throng of handsomely frocked women, and the atmosphere of jolly sociability that the tea cups invariably produce.

Both hostess and guest of honor were charmingly gowned. Mrs. Pardee in palest French grey voile over white taffeta, the bodice elaborately inset with finest hand made Teneriffe lace. Miss Gooderham, in a white polka dot brown silk, beautifully fashioned, with a smart deep cream lace guimpe with myriad little lace flounces forming the sleeves.

In the spacious dining room there was a 17th of Ireland tea table, masses of airy green fern with a host of the most exquisite white narcissus, the lovely effect being very audibly admired. Here Mrs. Percy Hardisty and Mrs. Nightingale presided, Mrs. Hardisty in a dainty pale blue crepe frock and black picture hat, Mrs. Nightingale in softest grey, with a large black chapeau.

The most popular man who graced this merry tea was undoubtedly the small son of the house, who wore the most distracting little French frock, a huge pale blue sash, and shoes and stockings of the same delicate tone. Needless to say he was very much in demand and conducted himself like a perfect little gentleman, only regaling himself with a lump of sugar, after a terrific siege of petting.

Among the guests I noticed: Mrs Cautley, in a handsome brown velvet frock with hat to correspond; Mrs. Woods in a smart black tailor made with large mink and pale pink chapeau; Mrs. Cross in a French tailored gown with green velvet picture hat; Mrs. Duncan Smith in a green check tailor made and black picture hat; Mrs. Charlesworth in a charming cinnamon brown afternoon frock, trimmed with quantities of cream lace frills, and a large hat in the same tones with brown and old rose ostrich plumes; Mrs. Bishopric in a becoming navy blue gown with black military braid, touches of white lace and black hat; Mrs. Calderon in navy blue with bright red poppy hat; Mrs. Bowers in a green tailor made and black velvet chapeau; Mrs. Frank Sommerville in plum colored ladies cloth and mink and white hat; Mrs. Harvey of Orillia in a very pretty brown frock with cream lace guimpe, and hat to correspond; Mrs. Ewing in black and white check with large hat in the same tones; Mrs. Almon in a modish brown toilette; Mrs. Donald W. McDonald in an elaborate white silk toilette with white picture hat with black ostrich plumes; Mrs. Brunton in a navy blue silk suit with large black hat; Mrs. Jack Anderson in a pale blue serge suit with Persian 'garniture and jaunty hat; Mrs. Hayes in an effective black gown and chapeau; Mrs. Jackson in a modish street gown and black picture hat. To describe the pretty young girls who graced this tea would take too long, but their number included: Miss Beatrice Beck, Miss Bate of Ottawa, Miss Supple, Miss Marjorie Brown, Miss Eleanor Taylor and Miss Murphy.

In the evening a number of the younger set assembled and had a jolly evening all to themselves, and on Friday Miss Gooderham boarded the train, laden with roses, a fragrant farewell from a number of her girl and young married friends who sent them with a hearty bon voyage.

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This (Saturday) afternoon, at 4.15 o'clock there is to be a song recital at Mrs. Frank Bower's residence at 268 Fifth street, assisted by Mrs. Wallace McDonald and Mr. Bowers, Mrs. Bowers being the very accomplished and sweet-voiced vocalist of the occasion. The recital is for the benefit of the Mistanusk Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire—the baby Chapter of the organization—and as this is their first venture to raise funds for a very worthy object, in connection with the hospital, and in view of the pleasure I am sure the recital will afford, I trust the affair will be liberally patronized.

The programme which follows is a most attractive one

1. (a) Meine Ruh'ist Hin Graben Hoffman
(b) Ich grolle nicht—Schumann
2. (a) "To the Forest
(b) Spring is come—Neidlionger
3. Pianoforte (a) Hungarian Melody—Schlloff
(b) "Murmuring Breezes—Jensen—Niemam
4. (a) Eligie Massenet
(b) Sic mes vers—Hahn
5. Reading
6. (a) Creole Folk Song
(b) Melisande in the Wood—Goetz

As I think of it, in mentioning the list of officers of the Mistanusk Chapter, I omitted to mention Mrs. Donald W. MacDonald's name, 1st vice Regent and Mrs. James Biggar, treasurer.

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Dr. James Biggar and Mr. Mowat Biggar left on Tuesday evening for Toronto, in response to a telegram announcing the very critical illness of their mother. The doctors, I believe, hold out no possible hope of recovery, which will be sad intelligence to a very wide circle of friends both in Edmonton and in the east.

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The glorious sunshine and happy suggestion of Spring in the air as well as the satisfying prospect of viewing the very latest creations in hats for the coming season, lured practically all the world and his wife down town on Thursday morning and afternoon, when the very smartest dressers rubbed elbows with their Lady Slaveys, as they tried on this mode and that, this love of a turban and that great leaf of a hat, that looked as if it might much better have a handle inserted, and serve for a sunshade for two. But because they are quite the latest thing you may expect to see some of your friends donning them this coming Spring, and in the meantime Milady's conversation is all of millinery, and dainty summer lingerie, stunning suits and the like.

I had an advance peep at some of the Acme Co.'s New York creations early in the week. Tiny hats, huge palm leafs, little hats with huge wings, and tremendous chapeaux with a simple chou of ribbon. Every variety and shape of headgear it is possible to conceive. Some of them were exquisitely lovely, the dotted net picture effects in particular while the drapes, buckles, fancy ornaments and gold and silver and Persian braids employed were simply ravishingly lovely. New York is branded on every one of them. In the saucy tilts, the quaint ribbon effects, the ultra smart touches that distinguish the hats of an artist from the confections of most home-made productions.

And then I wandered into the ready-to-wear and lingerie department where this enterprising firm have gathered together the loveliest profusion of jaunty Spring tailor-mades, dainty summer frocks, colored and white, waists that would tempt a saint to covet them, the newest effect the "Marquise" being particularly modish and attractive, both on account of its tailor-made cut and the charming effects obtained in its adornment.

A peep at some long silk kimonas, completed my tour. A lovely accordion-pleated white silk with yellow

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